



## State Liquor Authority

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

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Chair

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Commissioner

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**SUBJECT:** Closing Hours for Liquor and Wine Stores in Albany County  
**PURPOSE:** To gather public input on the proposed change in hours of operation for liquor and wine stores in Albany County.  
**DATE/TIME:** July 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** A.E. Smith Building Office Building, Room 111– 80 South Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210

The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) will hold a public hearing on July 19, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Alfred E. Smith Building to gather public input on the proposed changes in hours of operations for the sale of wine and liquor for off-premises consumption in Albany County. An SLA Administration Law Judge will preside over the hearing.

On May 3, 2023, the SLA received a resolution adopted by the Albany County Legislature requesting that the SLA modify the hours of operation for the off-premises sale of wine and liquor. Under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, upon receipt of a resolution by a county legislature, the SLA is required to hold a public hearing in the county requesting a change in hours. On June 21, 2023, the Members of the SLA voted to schedule a public hearing at the Alfred E. Smith Building in Albany New York on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Currently, Albany County allows liquor and wine stores to be open for off-premises sales from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and from noon to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. Under the proposed changes, weekday and Saturday hours would be extended to 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. from November 15<sup>th</sup> through January 7<sup>th</sup>; Sunday hours would remain the same.

Any person who wishes to speak either in support or in opposition to the proposed change is encouraged to attend the hearing. Speakers will be heard in the order they sign in at the hearing site. Attendees wishing to speak may sign in beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the hearing. If a person who wishes to attend the hearing requires an interpreter, the SLA will provide an interpreter at no cost, provided a request for an interpreter is received via email at [Secretarys.Office@sla.ny.gov](mailto:Secretarys.Office@sla.ny.gov) at least 96 hours in advance of the hearing."

Any person who is unable to attend the hearing but who wishes to make their views known may submit a written statement to the SLA. To become part of the record, written statements must be emailed or postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2023. Written statements should be emailed to [Secretarys.Office@sla.ny.gov](mailto:Secretarys.Office@sla.ny.gov) or mailed to:

NEW YORK STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY

ATTN: SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
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RE: ALBANY COUNTY HEARING

Please note, a final determination on whether to modify the hours of sale for liquor and wine stores in Albany County will not be made on July 19, 2023. This decision will be made by the Members of the Authority at a Full Board meeting following receipt and review of the written report of the public hearing.